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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

June 30, 2009

THE CHILDREN'S COUNCIL OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY: APPROVAL OF AN EXTENSION OF THE CHILDREN'S COUNCIL THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Chief Executive Office (CEO) is requesting that your Board extend The Children's Council (Council) of Los Angeles through September 30, 2009.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Find that the extension of the Council for three months is necessary to ensure that the Council is able to continue its work until the CEO completes its analysis of the County's commissions and committees, which is due in September 2009.
- 2. Extend the tenure of the Council through September 30, 2009.
- 3. Direct the Council to provide a line item budget to the CEO by July 7, 2009 for its projected expenses and outcomes between July 1 and September 30, 2009 and direct that any unexpended net County cost funds as of September 30, 2009 be placed in the Economic Reserve Provisional Financing Uses.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In accordance with the Council of Los Angeles County's ordinance for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008–09, the Council worked with the CEO to develop a set of five goals and objectives for the Council to achieve this fiscal year in order to be considered for an ordinance extension for FY 2009–10.

In light of the action taken by your Board on June 9, 2009, Agenda Item No. 17, which directed the CEO to review the missions, work products and budgets of the County's commissions and committees and prepare a consolidation plan that includes recommendations that will eliminate duplicative practices and reduce costs by the September budget process, it would be prudent to allow the Council to continue its work in the County during the CEO's study period.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

No new or additional County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This action is necessary to extend the term of the Council for three additional months.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Extending the Council for an additional quarter will sustain the Council's work until the County completes its study of its commissions and committees in September 2009. This extension will enable the Council to continue to build stronger communities across the County through its eight Service Planning Area Councils, the American Indian Children's Council, and more than 115 Neighborhood Actions Councils (NACs) they have created, and make it possible for the NACs to complete their community improvement projects. These resident councils, supported by County departments, cities, schools, and community-based organizations, are helping to integrate the County's and First 5 LA's various prevention initiatives, building more effective supports and connections for children and families in their own communities, and thereby reducing the need for thousands of low income residents to access County services. For example, almost 5,000 residents were able to pocket a total of \$5 million through NAC-generated Earned Income Tax Credit filings during the first four months of 2009, and 60 residents were helped to start their own home businesses.

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If the tenure of the Council is not extended, the Council will sunset on July 1, 2009 and will not be able to continue its work with residents to build healthier, more economically viable neighborhoods for their children and families.

Respectfully submitted,

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